

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A telecommunication ~~system~~ system, for transporting information from a sender using a sending terminal (2) to a receiver using a receiving terminal (7), and comprising a protection mechanism (3) for protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said protection mechanism (3) has at least a first protector (36), having a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective ~~way~~ way, and has at least a second protector (37) having a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective ways being mutually different, whereby said telecommunication system is provided with an activation mechanism (31, 32), coupled to said ~~protection mechanism~~ first and second protectors (36, 37), for activating at least one of said first and second modes in dependence on at least control information originating from said sender and representing ~~an economic~~ a value of the transported information,

 said system being further characterised in that said telecommunication system comprises a billing mechanism (33), coupled to said activation mechanism (31), for billing said sender in dependence on at least the activated one of said ~~modes~~ modes, and in that ~~said protection~~ mechanism (3) is coupled between said sending terminal and said receiving terminal.

2. - 3. (canceled).

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4. (currently amended): The telecommunication system according to claim 1, characterised in that said telecommunication system comprises a returning mechanism for, in response to a detection of transported information having become available to at least one third party, returning a predefined value to said sender, which predefined value is a function of said ~~economic~~ value.

5. - 8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): A method for transporting information from a sender, using a sending terminal, to a receiver using a receiving terminal, and comprising the step of protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said method further comprises the steps of

receiving, from said sender, control information representing ~~an economic-a~~ value of said information to be transported, and

providing, between the sending terminal and the receiving terminal, a protection mechanism including at least a first and a second protector,

in dependence on at least said control information, activating at least one of the first and second detectors to provide at least two modes comprising a first mode, for protecting said information according to a first protective way, and a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective ways being mutually different, and

billing said sender in dependence on at least the activated one of said modes.

10. (currently amended): The method according to claim 9, characterised in that said method comprises the step of, in response to a detection of transported information having become available to at least one third party, returning a predefined value to said sender, which predefined value is a function of said ~~economic~~-value.